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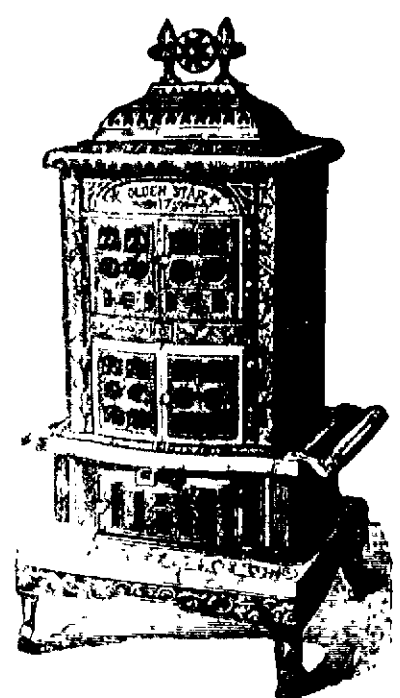
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12. Hearest Thou? (Waltz). Miss Minnie Baldwin
13. The Baron's Last Banquet. Miss Minnie Baldwin
14. German Recitation, Blumrock. Wm. Carter
15. Duetto Sonata Op. 127. Miss Minnie Baldwin
16. Andante and Allegro (Schubert). Miss Minnie Baldwin
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blue, also comforts made up in other pat-
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A nice supper of good things for twenty-five
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Oysters, Ice Cream and Cake served during
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New goods, new prices, new styles in
clothing with Cheap Charley, who now
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OF GENERAL INTEREST.

—The Philadelphia Ledger claims
that happiness is a habit. A very pleas-
ant habit to get into.

—Knitting black stockings is the
latest craze among fashionable young
ladies.—N. Y. Graphic.

—European bankers estimate that
the loss to the continent during the
past summer by the cholera scare ex-
ceeds \$25,000,000. Switzerland suf-
fered most severely.

—An old lady, whose grandson was
about to proceed to the Black Sea,
among other parting admonitions,
gave him strict injunctions not to
bathe in that sea for she did not want
him to come back a negro.—Boston
Globe.

—A man in Susquehanna County,
Pennsylvania, who has a wide local
repute for his ability to distort his
countenance and make fun for others,
recently threw his jaw out of joint, his
mouth being firmly set wide open. It
was no laughing matter, and he was in
agony till a doctor was procured and
his jaw replaced. The shock caused
him a serious illness.

—Modern business modes are un-
wholesome. They take on the forms of
gambling. They have dazzled the eyes
of our young men to their ruin. By
them they have been drawn into ex-
traneous where the laws of God and man
seem to offer no barrier to temptation.
Our business life has been heaped up of
late with the wrecks of these bewildered
and misguided men.—Zion's Herald.

—"Wooden wool" is now used as a
cheap and useful dressing for wounds,
and is being prepared extensively as a
commercial staple for surgical dress-
ings. It is finely ground wood, such as
is extensively used in the manufacture
of paper. It is a clean-looking, deli-
cate fibered, soft, yellowish-white sub-
stance, made of fresh wood, and
absorbs an immense quantity of
liquid.

—There are 156,000 fishermen in
France. The coast fisheries provide
employment for only 53,000 of this
great host of Frenchmen. The 103,000
fishermen make their livelihood out of
foreign waters. The value of fish caught
in 1883 was \$4,288,076, of which
more than \$3,000,000 worth were
drawn outside their own waters.

About four fishermen out of every
thousand are drowned during the year.

—Once a kite-flyer attached to the
tail of a large kite a kitten, sewed in a
canvas bag with a netting over the
mouth to give it air. When the kite
was at its greatest height some two
hundred feet above the ground the
kitten could be distinctly heard by
those holding the string. To the clear-
ness of the air was attributed the hear-
ing of the kitten's voice, and no tele-
phone patent was applied.—Chicago
Herald.

—A returned traveler says: "I en-
joyed genuine pumpkin pies at one or
two missionary tables in Japan and
China, and other American delicacies
(served without an ocean of ceremony),
at the hospitable boards of some of our
representatives in Syria. Oatmeal,
griddle-cakes, hot biscuits, genuine pies
and custards are unknown out of
America, save in a few London and
Paris restaurants, where they are some-
times counterfeited, without the suc-
cess that might be desired."

—The highest velocity that has been
imparted to shot is given as one thou-
sand six hundred and twenty-six feet
per second, being equal to a mile in
three and two-tenths seconds. The
velocity of the earth at the equator,
due to rotation on its axis, is one
thousand miles per hour, or a mile in
three and six-tenths seconds; and thus,
if a cannon ball was fired due west,
and could maintain its initial velocity,
it would beat the sun in its apparent
journey round the earth.—N. Y. Sun.

—There is a convict in the California
State Prison who has made three
attempts to kill his wife, and she is still
alive and hearty. For the first time he
was sentenced to only a year, as the
evidence was not clear that he meant
to hurt her seriously, but as he let less
than a day pass after being liberated
before stabbing her the second assault
was deemed rather murderous, and for
it he served five years. He used a pis-
tol in the third onslaught, and went to
prison for ten years, which have nearly
expired.—San Francisco Call.

—The Medical Record makes the
startling statement that locking glass-
es are responsible for mercurial poison-
ing. In two cases given, a man and his
wife, the cause of the trouble was in a
looking-glass hanging to the bedroom.
The wooden back of which was dotted
with thousands of minute globules of
mercury. The apartment was heated
during the night. In another instance
the source of poisoning was a mirror,
forty years old, whose back had be-
come weak, and from whose face the
quicksilver freshness was fading. The
aged culprit having been summarily
removed, their victims speedily re-
covered.

—The streets of Winnipeg present
a great variety. Opera glass exqui-
sites are tested by half-breeds shod
with moonshine, daintily dressed
ladies of fashion are side by side with
the Indian mother whose infant rests
in a braided pocket or cradle with a
wooden back, which is fastened about
the mother's back by a sort of wooden
yoke. The mounted police, whose
duties lie outside the city limits, look-
ing after the introduction of liquor into
the province and watching over the
Indians, make a lot of bright color.
Their scarlet coats and white helmets
hats can be seen and distinguished a
long distance away.—Chicago Tribune.

—Fortunately, children are scarce in
Fifth avenue; the necessities of fashion
forbid large families. Such as come
receive little of a mother's care until
they are old enough to be put on exhibi-
tion, to accompany "mamma" in a
drive through the park, or to occupy
the front seats of the opera box, when
they should be soundly sleeping in their
beds. They are dressed to death, are
always in charge of a maid when out
for a walk, and know little of the pure,
free joys of childhood. So they grow
up to be promiscuous men and women,
fit only to imitate the follies, and, alas,
too often to repeat the bitter ex-
periences of their parents.—Joseph
Howard, in Boston Herald.

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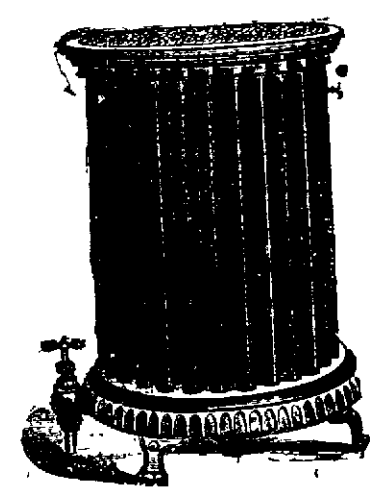
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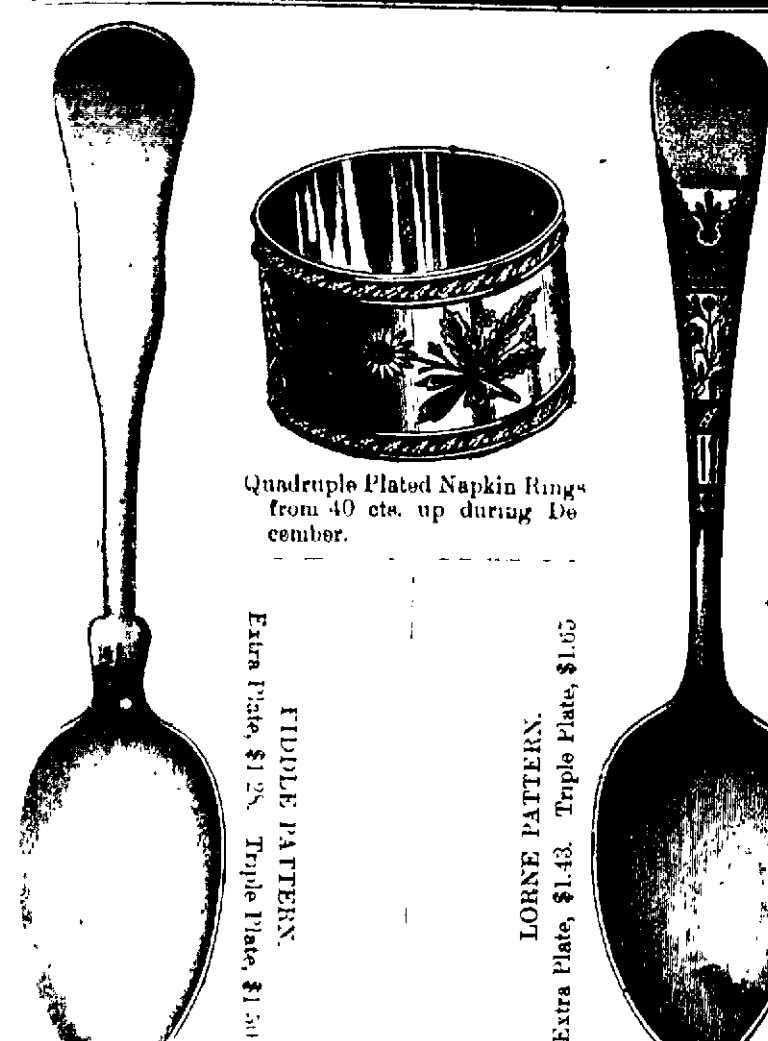
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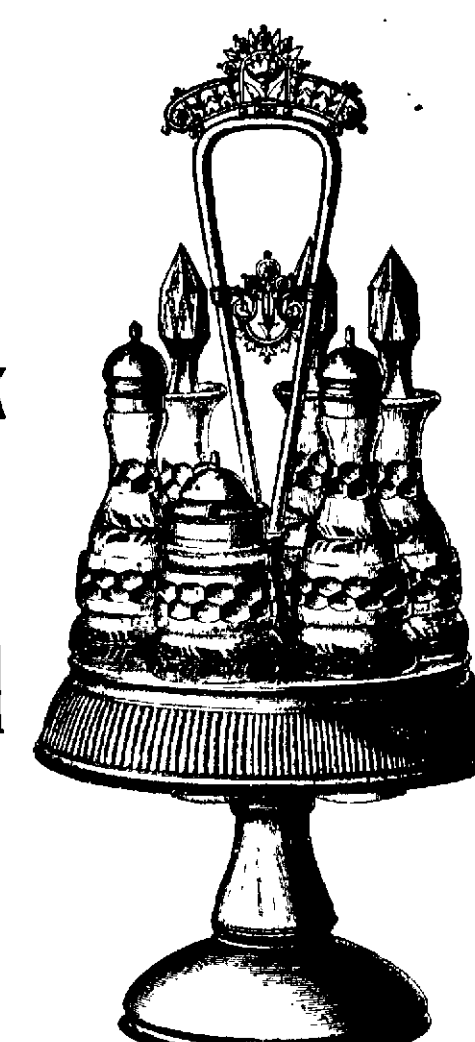
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Quadruple Plate 5 Bottle Chandelier, \$2.75.

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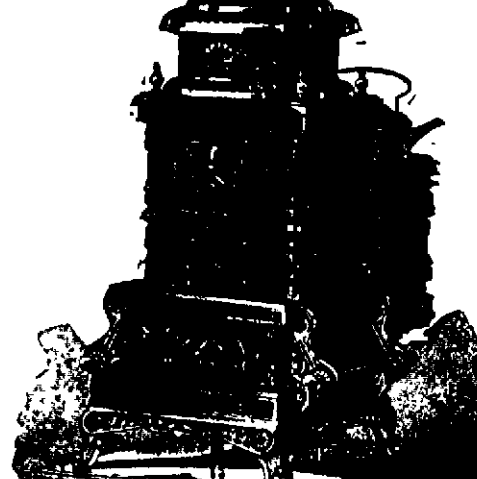
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SUNDAY EVENING, DEC. 16, 1894

LOCAL NEWS.

DRUG CARRIAGES, Wagons and Velocipedes, all styles, sizes and prices, at E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's.

RATHER SLEEK GETTING ABOUT TOWN TO-DAY.

JOHN B. GOGGIN at the opera house Thursday night.

If you want nice, fresh, dressed poultry, go to Peck & Co.

BERRING BURNINGS will play the banjo at the tabernacle to-night.

The grand jury will probably finish its labors this week.

BARTLEY available this evening at the residence of Mrs. John Freeman, West Main street.

The ladies have commenced distributing the money realized from the recent Charity B. B.

The bars of Nelson F. Brown, burned Sunday night, was insured for \$400 in the Forest City company. Mr. B. is out of pocket about \$1000.

GALLERY tickets for the Gough lecture only 50 cents. This will be your last chance to hear this grand old orator.

V. H. PARKS is just receiving his stock of Hard Coal, direct from the mines, Lehigh, Scranton and Lackawanna, Telephone 55. Soft Coal, Lump or Nut at his Feed Store. Will make lowest prices; guarantee quality and weight. Every description of feed. Give him a trial. Coal well screened and dry. Come and see it, adjoining Tabernacle. Oct 31-60

The wages of the Citizens' street car drivers have been reduced about \$5 a month for each man.

The military store of Mrs. K. Einstein will be kept open every evening, dating from to night, until January 1st.

Dr. Rait says the D. W. Breuneman stallion, which became dangerously sick the other day, is now out of danger and is doing finely. If that stallion gets entirely well, it will be quite a feather in the professional cap of the Doctor.

FRESH OYSTERS, direct from Baltimore, by car or dish. None but the best brands, at Marotti's restaurant, No. 114 North Water street.

YESTERDAY and to-day Mr. Priest used lots of salt to melt the ice clinging to the rails of the narrow gauge street car tracks. He manages to keep his cars moving in all sorts of weather.

Ring up Niedermyer on the Monard and order fresh eggs and family groceries.

For choice groceries go to Peck & Co. Fair dealing to all.

R. BERT STEWARD will manage a grand ball at Meyer's hall New Year's eve, which will be attended by colored society people of the city. The tickets will cost 75 cents each.

Buy Coal and Wood of Geo. Ehrhart, Telephone 130, or leave orders at Armstrong's drug store. nov 21-dit

HEREAFTER bailiffs in DeWitt county will be allowed only \$1.50 a day while on duty, and \$2.25 if they have to use a horse. The old price was \$2 and \$2.50.

If you want handsome tables and chairs for social parties, call at Duntman & Meyer's furniture store, in the Haworth block.

C. B. PIERCE is ready to supply the public with leading musical instruments at Christmas prices—all very low figures. Call there, learn prices and see the display.

WALT NICHOLS has identified his watch. It was stolen from him about a week ago by two toughs who knocked him down on Wood street. The thieves are in jail.

The habitual use of pills is a sure means of ultimately undermining health and laying the foundation for some of the most distressing cases of chronic diseases. Use Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic, a purely vegetable remedy, which tones and regulates the system, enriching the blood, cures all diseases of the stomach, liver, blood and kidneys. Can be taken by the most delicate. 50 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

See Morehouse, Wells & Co's advertisement of Roller Skates. They are the most reasonable in price of any good skate ever offered in Decatur.

CONTEST or no contest, Abel & Locke will continue to sell fine carpets and household novelties at low figures.

When you order Decatur Coal of Geo. Ehrhart, you will be sure to get it. Telephone 130.

The Methodist Episcopal society at Weldon has completed its new church edifice and dedicatory services were held in it last Sunday.

ALWAYS ask for Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars, the best nickel smokers in the city.

A new postoffice has been established in DeWitt county on the Illinois Midland railroad, between Kenney and Marco. It is called Rowell, in honor of our congressman. Mr. John Blum has been appointed postmaster. The office will be a great convenience to the farmers in Texas township.—Clinton Public.

SPLENDID compressed yeast and excellent coffees at Peter Ullrich's grocery store.

IMPORTED gent's Underwear, the finest in the market at B. Stine's. dit

The ladies of the Household of Ruth will give a fair and festival in the council room on North Main street, Thursday evening, Dec. 18th. Refreshments will be provided in abundance. All are invited. Admission, 10 cents.

SEVEN orders to W. H. Reame's family at a 731 North Water street, and get good groceries and fresh butter.

First fine Smoking Jackets, to be had only at B. Stine's. dit

PHOSPHORUS in bulk or cans, at E. F. Peck & Co's. Give them a trial.

Have you seen the display of Decorated Cakes and Wedding Cakes at Morehouse, Wells & Co's? They are simply elegant.

MAROTT'S Restaurant sets up the best 250 meals of any restaurant in the city—114 N. Water st. dit

SHIRTS and Linen Handkerchiefs, in splendid variety, and large quantities to be had at Peck & Co's. **CHAS. BROWN.** Big 18. 16-dawit

THERE was a fair-sized audience at the opera house last night to witness the thrilling play, "Ours, the Circle," as presented by Miss Helen Blythe and the Clayburn company. The piece was given in excellent style and with realistic effect. Clayburn has a good company.

CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1894, Judge C. B. Smith Presiding.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16.
Court convened at 8:30 o'clock.

CHANCERY DOCKET.
Elizabeth Harris, Owea Platt divorce. By decree heard by court, and decree granted common law divorce.

Charles Westmeyer vs. A. J. McGuire, trespass on the case. Continued at cost of plaintiff.

Admiralty Bowers vs. Charles F. Hunsley, assumpsit. Judgment for \$200.00.

Moore & Ball vs. W. R. Crossman, assumpsit. Judgment by agreement for \$100.00.

J. E. Bailey vs. John H. Kretzer, assumpsit. Appeal. Dismissed for want of prosecution.

W. W. Shockey vs. George D. Haworth, assumpsit. Dismissed by plaintiff without prejudice.

Hein Chapman vs. Nelson Judd, assumpsit. Appeal. Motion entered by defendant to suppress deposition of Mary H. H.

In the appeal, case of Henry L. Traubner vs. D. A. Schaeffer, the plaintiff made a motion for a continuance.

James Locher vs. William F. Dennis, trespass. Trial by jury pending.

Test Got a Year.
In the case of The People vs. Henry Teal, indicted for the murder of Brice Ashberry at Waynesville a year ago, on trial at Clinton, the jury, after an all-night session, brought in a verdict giving Teal one year in the penitentiary.

Wiley Marvel, who was also implicated, was acquitted. The prosecution have entered a motion for a new trial, the arguments for which will be heard two weeks from to-day. The case, although important and very unusual, developed but little interest, as it was generally known about what the verdict would be. Ashberry formerly resided at Mt. Zion in this county.

Lovely Gits.
Parties looking for beautiful Christmas gifts should call at Armstrong's drug store. The array is large, embracing pretty blue figures, plush work boxes, odor stands, shaving cases, which brooms and racks, gent's traveling cases, etc., all at very low figures.

The free organ recital at St. John's church will be given this evening. The programme includes selections by Mrs. Alexander, Prof. Olof Bull, Prof. Foster, Miss Hittcock and the church choir. Doubtless the church will be crowded to see and hear the new \$1500 organ.

The street.
The clerk of the weather commenced greasing the pavements early this morning with a coating of sleet, and consequently the pedestrians go about gingerly in a pigeon-toed fashion. It is really hard work to get about with the walks in the present condition. The small boy is in his glory, for now he can use his skates as well as his sled.

With the streets of the city in their present wretched condition, the advocates of brick or block paving should not tire in urging this class of public improvements. A good, solidly paved street from the business part of the city to the depot is certainly badly needed at this season of the year. Were it not for the street car tracks down Water and North streets the express wagons and carriages would have a tough time transferring freight and passengers. Past Eldorado street, with its bed of gravel, deep ruts and rough surface, is a travesty on improved streets.

Removed Changes.
It is the current rumor about town that Mr. Johnson, general master mechanic at the Wabash shops in this city, has resigned his position. Mr. Johnson has occupied this position for a long time and has done the company good service in the past years. It is also currently rumored that Mr. Edmund Dresser, late Superintendent of the Western Division of the Wabash, located in Missouri, will come here to take a responsible position on the middle division of the road, but just what the position will be beneath any such rumor—Springfield Journal.

Go to Curtis and get reserved seats for the John B. Gough lecture Thursday night. Plenty of good seats to be had at 75 cents each.

The Methodist Judicial Conference will meet at Danville to-morrow afternoon and will probably hold during the remainder of the week. It will be composed of representative men from the Illinois, Indiana and N. W. Indiana Conferences. There will be present distinguished ministers from other conferences as counsel and parties interested in appeal cases. The distinguished visitors, who receive no pay for this extra work, will doubtless be cheerfully entertained by Danville's hospitable Methodists.

Two DECATUR merchants have notified their salesmen that their wages will be reduced next week. Merchants plead "hard times."

The damage case of James Locher against William F. Dennis was called up for trial in the circuit court this forenoon, with Judge Nelson as counsel for the plaintiff and W. C. Johns for the defendant. In his bill Mr. Locher claims damages in the sum of \$1000. This case grows out of the assault episode in the Commercial Block over a year ago, which ended in Dennis having Locher arrested and lodged in jail over night, or a part of the night. Both parties to the suit are business men.

Don't let any of your boys see the Saws and Bucks at Morehouse, Wells & Co's. If you do, you will certainly have to buy one. Dec 16-dawit

YESTERDAY evening John Nichols and Chas. Eskridge were brought before Justice to answer several charges of burglary. They waived examination and each was held for trial, the bonds being placed at \$500. These are the parties who got in their work at Harriestown and in the second ward, this city.

TIME IS MONEY.
The harrowing pain of Rheumatism, the spending of money, sometimes even to the last dollar, for useless medicines, are aggravated, if not made desperate by the fact that the sufferer is made sick over the long time which he cannot afford. Just here the merits of ARTERIOSOL are most forcibly proved. It operates directly and speedily, and saves time and money, while at the same time it is a sure remedy for all other less wasteful in vain experiments with worthless medicines.

CHRISTMAS TREES.
2 to 13 feet high, at Friends Greek Nursery, and adjoining Linn & Scruggs, Decatur, Fridays and Saturdays. Order early. Stock for Spring of 1895 for sale at Decatur as usual. S. BOKENHAM.

Any who have our prize bean tickets in their pockets, let them bring them in will expire Dec. 31st. **FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT.**

Don't Patent Ear Muffler at B. Stine's. dit

About German Carp.

The introduction of German carp into this country is meeting with success. Since the work began by the United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, Professor Spencer F. Baird, there have been from one to one hundred plantings in every Congressional District, and with few exceptions in every county. Carp require care, the same as poultry. They are liable to destruction by snakes and turtles. Professor Baird is now making investigations of the oyster, and has a station where this work will be vigorously prosecuted, and it is believed that artificial oyster culture will soon become an important industry. In the Spring Lake pond west of Decatur, on the Haworth farm, are a lot of carp said to be flourishing. They were planted last summer by Commissioner Bartlett.

THE Decatur National Bank is prepared to furnish all Decatur people going to New Orleans with drafts for any amount so that they will have no trouble in getting cash while attending the World's Exposition, provided, of course, they make proper deposits at the bank.

A DECATUR lady will appear at the opera house in a few days with a traveling comedy company.

Efforts are being made to secure the location of the state fair at Decatur for the next two years. Does Chicago want it? or Springfield? If they do, we'll not give up.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Samuel Knight of the Wabash, visited Benard yesterday on business.

R. W. Cartmell, of Assumption, is in the city to-day.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Hallman, on Monday afternoon, Dec. 15, a daughter.

Charley Cook is at sea with a whaling vessel. Charley is bound to see the world and some of the water.

J. M. Clokey, Esq, got home this morning from Springfield, Ohio, where he was called to attend the funeral of his father.

Justice Curtis was in the circuit court room this morning, testifying in the damage case of Locher vs. Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eaker, of Springfield, are in the city, guests at the New Deming.

R. C. Peters, of the Monticello Herald, was in the city yesterday and gave the Republican a call.

Dr. Jones, father of Dr. E. S. Jones, of St. Louis, formerly of this city, died at Jacksonville on Sunday aged 84 years.

A. C. Stevens has departed for New Mexico, where he will remain until next spring. He goes west on business and for his health.

Hon. James M. Graham will devote his time to the practice of law after he graduates as a member of the House of Representatives.

W. R. Breesie, of the Pacific Express Company, has taken possession of his new residence property on West Prairie street, and now offers his former dwelling place for rent.

Tom O. Smith, at present traveling through southern California for A. L. Bancroft, of San Francisco, will assume the city editorship of the Los Angeles Times on January 1st. Next to the San Francisco Chronicle the Times is the leading Republican newspaper in California.

Rev. Robert Mackenzie, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church, this city, called yesterday from San Francisco to the Sandwich Islands, to be absent an indefinite period, for the benefit of his wife. It was known that his Decatur friends had intended to give him a charge in San Francisco and return East because of failing health; but his charge there didn't wish to part with him, and they gave him a long reason and got him to go to the Islands for recreation.

E. C. Forrest, of Boody, who has been in Webster county, Nebraska, on a prospecting tour, paid the Republican a call to-day and presented samples of the famous "Webster Elephant" potatoes, two of which weigh four pounds and a quarter. They are monsters. Mr. Forrest says corn in Nebraska is as low as 10 cents, whereas here it is for fuel. Soft coal sells at \$6 to \$10 a ton; hard coal \$12 to \$15 a ton. Farming land sells at \$6 to \$30 per acre. Groceries there are about a fourth cheaper than in Decatur.

As soon as the steam is tarred on in the sheriff's office the scheme is to put certain parties—no reporters—on the coils and boil them 2 to 4 hours every day.

The "Two Johns."
Wednesday evening the comedy entitled "The Two Johns" will be presented for the first time in this city at the opera house. The Detroit Free Press says: "The laughing commenced five minutes after the curtain first went up, and continued almost without cessation. It was like setting off a bunch of fire crackers; first there was a slight crackle, then an explosion here and there, followed by a volley which nearly raised the roof. The ingenuity of the playwright in arranging the most ridiculous and mirth-provoking situations to follow each other with such wonderful rapidity is worthy of mention and admiration. It is a remarkable piece of work, and the 'Two Johns' make the most of every line and every scene."

25 Per Cent Discount—Some Fine Reductions.
Marked in plain figures from the plainly marked selling prices. We continue to show a most elegant and complete stock of all classes of Winter goods, conspicuous among them being Ladies' and Misses' Cloaks and Winter Wraps, Ladies' and Misses' Underwear and Hosiery, Gloves, Mitts, Blankets, Shawls, and Knit and Crocheted Goods. **CHAS. BROWN.** Big 18. 16-dawit

The infant son of Mr. Summers died of acute bronchitis. The Lincoln Journal of last evening stated: "The funeral services of little Robert Summers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Summers, will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the residence of N. E. Pegram. Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral without further notice. The remains will be taken to Decatur on Wednesday for interment."

It is no trouble to show goods at R. N. Hugheson's New Book Store. Stop and see the bargains in Christmas goods, any way. n25-dit

CHAS. CHARLEY now occupies the corner store on the Old Square. dit

Bring in your bean tickets before the last day of December. **dec 10-dawit FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT.**

D. S. SHELLEBARGER & Co. will deliver to any part of the city, until further notice:

Corn, per bushel,	35c
Oats, (well cleaned), per bushel,	27c
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Corn chop, " " "	90c

Nov. 22-dit

When you look for clothing please look for Chas. Charley, who is now at the corner of the old square. 1-dit

THE FREIGHT QUESTION.

Words from a Wabash Man on the situation.

The question of freight rates is one which concerns the merchant, farmer and consumer alike, and just now it is causing general discussion. Decatur merchants have been making complaints for several years and have been figuring on how to break the "Decatur pool," which is the same that exists at Springfield. Last winter an effort was made to form an association of merchants and shippers to fluid relief, and F. M. Young and H. H. Bishop were appointed to investigate and see what could be done in the way of throwing all of Decatur's freight patronage to one railway company. The committee has not reported. Meantime the old rates remain the same, with no immediate prospects of a change. Springfield is in the same boat with Decatur, and the merchants there are trying to get relief. Talking with a Journal man, a Wabash man is represented as saying:

In answer to the question, "Why is it that Springfield merchants have to pay a higher freight rate, in proportion to distance, than merchants of other towns?" he said: "Many people say this is a fault of what is known as the Springfield pool. This opinion is all wrong. It can make no difference to Springfield people whether the Wabash, the I. C., the O. and A., and the O. and M. pool their earnings or not. That rate will figure in the fixing of the freight tariff. The freight rates are fixed by the Illinois Rate Association, and the roads forming this association are operated in all parts of the state. These rates apply to all towns in the state through which these roads pass, excepting river points, where railroads have to compete with river transportation companies. So far as Springfield is concerned the Wabash company cares nothing. If no shipping were done to, or from this point, it would not materially affect its earnings. The coal supply in this county and the productions of the Springfield iron mills, the exports amount to comparatively nothing. The fact is, the Wabash does not care a fig for the prosperity of Springfield."

"The rate association looks to its own interests alone in fixing its rates, and it goods are not shipped to Springfield, and it will be shipped to some other port."

"But," asked the Journal man, "is it that Bloomington and Peoria merchants get so much better rates?" "Simply," says the Wabash man, "because these towns have a road which is outside of the Rate Association. What does it matter what would be the effect if this road were to run a branch to this city, he replied that it would not affect matters at all. He said he did not see as there was any help for Springfield, so far as concerns from the Rate Association is concerned."

Basket Sociable.
The ladies of the Baptist Church will give a basket sociable at the residence of Mrs. John Freeman, on West Main street, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16. An interesting programme will be observed, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

MR. VAN ALLEN has learned that the story about the roller skating manager at Centralia being compelled to pay \$25 a day license is a hoax. In the interest of Centralia we give place to the correction. Probably the paragraph referred to the risk at Wyke's sketch.

BAD treatment or stricture often complicates the disease and makes it difficult of cure. The worst and most inveterate cases speedily yield to our new and improved medicine. Pimples, redness and tumors sent for two three-cent stamps. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Nestor of platform orators will appear Thursday night at the opera house. Be there to see him.

Nautic News Notes.
C. N. Masters is in Springfield.
George Pettus has returned from Cuba.
Mrs. M. Leonard has almost recovered from her recent illness.
Miss Foss Sims, of I. Hopkins, is visiting Mrs. W. J. Miller this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stever went to Decatur on shopping tour yesterday.
Last Saturday was pay day at the coal shaft in this city.
Jas. Smith has returned with his family from Kansas and will locate in our midst.
Cornelius will build a fine residence in connection with his mammoth tin factory early next spring.
Our bank is about ready for business. The carpenters are now getting in counters, &c. The vault doors were placed in position last week. Dec. 16.

TRIED and true is Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure, which combines the good qualities of all the best cough remedies, without the defects of any of them. It cures promptly and permanently colds, croup, whooping cough, influenza, bronchitis, hoarseness, incipient consumption, and all throat and lung diseases, healing the lungs. Safe and pleasant for children. Price, 50 cents and \$1. Trial bottles free. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. 2

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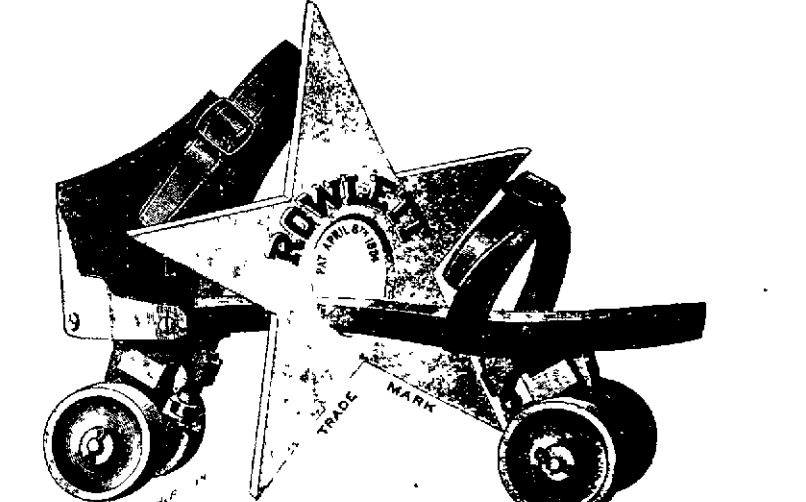
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